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## FAR EASTERN AND KAZAKH NONFERROUS ORE MINES FULFILL PLANS

A. Podkovyrkin, chief of the Sinancha Combine mine, Primorskiy Kray, reports that the mine completed the plan for mine cutting for the first time in 1948, when it shifted to two cycles per day and to high-speed cutting methods. The complex geological structure of the Sinancha deposits requires high-speed methods. The ore is found in short sections, each 20-25 meters long, with sections without ore up to 100 meters long in between. The former volume of cutting a raise did not exceed 26 meters per month. Last year, one brigade cut 70.2 running meters of a raise per month, fulfilling 261 percent of the norm established for the All-Union competition.

The best brigade in the mine exceeded the record of the first brigade by 5.7 meters, setting a new record in Istyubinskiy Bayon. Labor productivity of one brigade man ranged from 200 to 250 percent of the norm and wages of one man reached as high as 10,000 rubles. In 1949 high-speed methods will be used more extensively in the mine. Adoption of scrapper loading in cutting drifts will make it possible to institute three cycles per day instead of the two-cycle system used last year when loading was done by hand.

The newspaper, Gornyak Severa, reports that the Nizhno-Urgal Mine Administration, Khabarovsk Kray, completed the first-quarter plan ahead of schedule, decreasing production costs 16 percent and increasing labor productivity 29 percent. The recent completion of the Izvestkovaya-Urgal Railroad line had made the region even more important industrially.

There are, however, some enterprises in Verkhne-Bureyskiy Rayon which are not meeting their plans and are operating with a large volume of losses. Among them are the Ural Mine Administration, the construction-assembly administration of "Bureyskhkhstroy" (Construction of Bureyskiy Mine Enterprises), and a number of local industry enterprises.

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**BEREZOVKA COMPLETES JANUARY PLAN -- Bol'shevik Altaya, No 22, 4 Feb 49**

Miners and concentration workers of the Berezovka Mine Administration, Vostochno-Kazakhstan Oblast, exceeded the January plan for ore output and fulfilled the plan for capital mine construction 100.2 percent. The concentrating plant fulfilled the January plan for dressing ores 107.5 percent, 124 percent for output of lead concentrate, and 133 percent for zinc concentrate. Mining of ore increased 53 percent over January 1948, dressing, 41 percent, output of lead concentrate, 64 percent, and output of zinc concentrate, 140 percent.

**ZINC PLANT PROJECTS NEAR COMPLETION -- Bol'shevik Altaya, No 23, 5 Feb 49**

The first section of "Ukstroy" [Ust'-Kamenogorsk Construction?] Vostochno-Kazakhstan Oblast, recently completed construction of the laboratory of the zinc plant and completed expansion of the second shop. The mercury substation is in the last stages of construction and will be ready for the plant by 20 February.

**Bol'shevik Altaya, No 43, 6 Mar 49**

The Ust'-Kamenogorsk Zinc Plant was recently awarded the Transferable Red Banner and first prize of the Council of Ministers USSR and the VTsSPS for its leadership in the competition among enterprises of the metallurgical industry in the fourth quarter 1948.

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